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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. SHIINA MEMORANDUM, THE DEVICE BY WHICH ROK AND JAPAN ENDED CRISIS FOLLOWING AUGUST 15, 1974 SHOOTING OF MADAME PARK, HAS RESURFACED AS POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE IN WAKE OF FONMIN MIYAZAWA'S DIET TESTIMONY. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MIYAZAWA RESPONDED TO DIET QUESTION MARCH 4 BY STATING THAT SHIINA MEMORANDUM HAS NO BINDING FORCE AND THAT SHIINA'S VISIT TO ROK LAST SEPTEMBER WAS NOT INTENDED TO EXPRESS JAPANESE APOLOGY FOR SHOOTING INCIDENT.

2. ROK ACTING FONMIN NO (LHO) CALLED IN JAPANESE CHARGE MARCH 5 TO EXPRESS ROK REGRET AT MIYAZAWA COMMENTS. ACCORDING TO MOFA, NO ASKED CHARGE FOR CLARIFICATION OF COMMENTS AND REMINDED HIM THAT SHIINA VISIT IS OVER WITH AND QUESTION OF ITS MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD NOT BE OPEN TO FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

3. ROK PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED PRIMIN MIKI'S MARCH 4 DIET TESTIMONY ON KIM TAE-CHUNG AFFAIR. MIKI REPORTEDLY TOLD DIET THAT HE CONSIDERS JAPAN "MORALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSIBLE" FOR RESTORATION OF KIM'S LIBERTIES

INASMUCH AS KIM'S ABDUCTION OCCURRED IN JAPAN.

4. IN COMMENTING TO EMOFF ON THE RECENT DIET STATEMENTS, YI CHAE-CHUN OF MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION I SAID THAT ROK SUSPECTS JAPANESE ARE INTERESTED IN TRADE-OFF ON LINGERING ISSUES SURROUNDING KIM TAE-CHUNG AND AUGUST 15 INCIDENTS, I.E., GOJ WOULD LET KIM ISSUE DIE IF ROKG REFRAINED FROM HOLDING JAPAN TO ANY OF PLEDGES SUPPOSEDLY MADE BY SHIINA. HOWEVER, ROKG CONSIDERS KIM AFFAIR ALREADY RESOLVED AND IS DETERMINED NOT TO RELAX CONDITIONS IT POSED FOR ENDING SHOOTING INCIDENT CRISIS. YI PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHAT MOFA PROPOSED TO DO IF GOJ CONTINUES LINE TAKEN BY MIYAZAWA, BUT HE INDICATED THAT MOFA EXPECTS JAPANESE WILL HEED NO'S GENTLE WARNING NOT TO LET CONTROVERSY ARISE OVER SHIINA MEMORANDUM.
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